



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1222 SPRUCE STREET
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

REPLY TO

ATTENTION OF:

April 17, 2015

Regulatory Branch
File Number: MVS-2015-217

Audrey L. Brodrick
Fletcher & Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832

Dear Ms. Brodrick:

We have reviewed the project known as *Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 189X) Illinois Central Railroad Company – Proposed Abandonment in Seymour and Bondville, Illinois – Champaign County*. The project involves the abandonment of approximately 3.2 miles of railroad line starting at MP 7.8 in Bondville, Illinois and ending at MP 11 in Seymour, Illinois. A single trestle along the line will be left in place. There are no expected discharges in known Waters of the US. The project is located in Section 16, Township 19 North, and Range 7 East, in Champaign County, Illinois.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act assigns responsibility to the Secretary of the Army to administer a permit program to regulate the placement of fill material into waters of the United States. A Section 404 Permit must be issued to authorize the placement of fill material into waters of the United States, below ordinary high water elevation, or in wetlands adjacent to these waters.

Based upon a review of the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographical map, National Wetland Inventory maps, aerial photos, and submitted plans, we determined that no wetlands or waters of the United States would be impacted by this project. **As a result of this determination, a Department of the Army, Section 404 permit is not required for this project.** If any of the construction methods change, please contact this office. This verification is valid for five years from the date of this letter.

This determination is applicable only to the permit program administered by the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch. This letter does not eliminate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local approvals before beginning work. You are reminded that although your proposal does not need a Section 404 permit, based on your submitted plans, any revisions to your proposal may be subject to Section 404 and require subsequent authorization from this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Matthew Collins at (314) 331-8626 or matthew.p.collins@usace.army.mil. Please refer to file number MVS-2015-217.

Sincerely,


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